



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

We are looking forward to awarding lots of certificates this term!

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies and in class throughout this term.

Welcome Back!

The summer break has flown by and it has been lovely to see the children come back to school ready for an exciting year ahead. They have been busy sharing their holiday stories and catching up with their friends and they are all settling well, back into school routines and into their new classes. We are welcoming our new Early Years children this week and over the coming weeks they will be exploring the school, meeting the staff and regular volunteers and they will gradually be introduced to our everyday activities such as assemblies and reading partners. We also have new families joining us throughout the school and we hope that they will be happy at Danbury Park.

We welcome Mrs Nikki Miller as our new SENCO and Pastoral Lead, working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Miller is getting to know the staff and children and over the coming weeks will be meeting with teachers and parents of the children with whom she will be working more closely. I am sure you will make her feel welcome. We also welcome back Mrs Eveleigh, teaching in Class Eider with Mrs Buer. Mrs Eveleigh is pleased to be back at school after her sabbatical and she has so much to share with the children about her travels and adventures. We are also welcoming Mrs Wanags and Mrs Power to our Midday Team.



We have lots of events planned to bring the school curriculum to life and this started today with a visit from the Maldon and Essex Lifesaving Swim Club who are working with schools to deliver First Aid Emergency training. So, our Year 6 children, working in two smaller groups, all enjoyed an informative and practical session.

A full list of dates for the term are included at the end of the newsletter so that families can put dates in their diaries and we hope you will be able to join us. As ever, more details about each event will follow in due course.

Attendance

Part of our safeguarding duties and procedures is ensuring that when children are absent from school, we know where they are and that they are safe. Please remember to inform school by **9.20am each day** if your child is absent from school and to follow this up with a written letter of explanation on their return. If we do not know where your child is, we are required to use the emergency contact numbers you have given to school. So, it is vitally important that if you change your phone numbers, or your family and friends do, that you inform us.

The government, local authority and school take attendance seriously and school is required to follow up on irregular attendance and prolonged absences and also for unauthorised absences, so please do not be offended when we ask for proof of doctors' and dentists' appointment or ask for details of holiday bookings or delayed flights or sickness on return after school holidays.

Important information - Term time holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays.

We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

Before and After School Clubs

Clubs start next week:

	Before School	After School
Monday		Premier Sports High 5 Netball – Yrs 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday		Premier Sports High 5 Netball – Yrs 4, 5 & 6 Premier Sports Football – Yrs 2, 3 & 4
Wednesday		Premier Sports Multiskills – Yrs R, 1,2 & 3
Thursday	Premier Sports Girls Football – Yrs 4, 5 & 6	Premier Sports Boys' Football - Yr 5 & 6 Premier Sports Multiskills - Yrs R, 1,2 & 3
Friday		Tag Rugby – KS2

Notification and Reminders

School Gateway – Thank you to all the parents who have now joined the new online payment system. Please ensure that you download the app as per the letter sent out at the end of last term. Payments for school dinners and trips need to be made via this app. Please note that we are now well on our way to being a cashless school as part of *Our World, Our Future* project. By having the online system, staff need to make fewer journeys by car to the bank, thus reducing emissions and we are using less paper.

Ink Pens – We have now moved away from using fountain pens in the classroom and will going forward encourage the children to use Berol Writing Pens. These will be provided by the school.

Free School Meals – Due to Covid-19 we understand that your circumstances may have changed or may change in the near future and you may now be eligible for free school meals. To check eligibility please contact Essex County Council on 0345 603 2200 or for more information and online application go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

This is the eligibility criteria ECC use:



Entitlement and what is required

The Government set the criteria for free school meal entitlement. To be entitled, you need to receive:

- Universal Credit with an annual income of £7,400 or less
- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment & Support Allowance
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Child Tax Credit (But not working tax credit) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Parents with Asylum Seeker status who receive support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit 'Run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please apply on the link above

Letters sent out this week:

-  Year 6 – Trip to Imperial War Museum, London
-  Class C – Trip to Colchester Castle

SCHOOL DINNERS

COSTS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2023

1st Half Term: 6th September – 23rd October 2023 = 32 days at £2.70 = £86.40

2nd Half Term: 30th October – 20th December 2023 = 38 days at £2.70 = £102.60

Total for Autumn Term = £189.00

Please note that all school meals should be paid for in advance via School Gateway.



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 11th September 2023

Week 2

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Fillet of Fish or (V) Crispy Vegan Quorn Dippers	Creamy Mash Potato Sweetcorn Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Oat Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Pasta Bolognaise or (V) Vegan Mince Bolognaise	Homemade Bread Peas, Cauliflower Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Apple Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast; Chipolata Sausage, Bacon and Egg, (V) Vegan Sausage, Egg and Hash Brown	Hash Brown Baked Beans Fresh Tomatoes Peas Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jelly and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or (V) Vegetable Nuggets	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Beef Burger in a roll or (V) Cheesy Stack Wrap	Chips Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Roll Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 11th September 2023

Mon 11th

Tues 12th

Weds 13th
2.55pm

Let's Present in classes

Thurs 14th

Fri 15th

Full term dates for the academic years
2023-24 and 2024-25 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

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Dates for Autumn Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
September		
7 th	7.15pm	Governing Body online training on Ofsted inspections
20 th	3.45pm	Year 6 School Journey Meeting for parents and pupils
21 st	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
25 th	All day	Year 6 to visit the Imperial War Museum, London
	Am	Year 5 road safety and pedestrian training
26 th	All day	Class Cuckoo to visit Colchester Castle
	7.00pm	Governors' Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee meeting
October		
2 nd	All day	Class Dove to visit West Stowe
		Year 6 Bikeability
3 rd		Year 6 Bikeability
4 th		Individual School Photos
5 th	All day	Class B to Audley End
		Year 6 Bikeability
	6.30pm 7.00pm	Governors' Pay Committee meeting Governors' Personnel Committee meeting
6 th		Year 6 Bikeability
	5.30pm 7.15pm	DPSA School Disco KS1 DPSA School Disco KS2
9 th		Year 6 Bikeability
10 th		Year 6 Bikeability
11 th	2.45pm	Harvest Assembly to parents of children in J & H (watched by classes A & B)
12 th	2.45pm	Harvest Assembly to parents of children in G & F (watched by classes E, D & C)
	Tbc	DPSA AGM
	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
18 th	Am	Exotic Pets visitors - Classes J and H
19 th	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
20 th		School closed for staff training
23 rd – 27 th		Half-term break
November		
2 nd	7.00pm	Governors' Resources Committee meeting with site walk at 6.30pm
3 rd		Flu Immunisation
	2.45pm	Class Budgerigar Assembly
8 th	9.30 & 10.30am	Prospective parent tours
10 th	2.45pm	Year 6 Remembrance Assembly to parents and school
14 th	1.45pm	Tour for prospective parents
17 th		Children in Need
	2.45pm	Class Cuckoo Assembly
21 st	2.45pm	Class Eider Assembly
22 nd	9.30am	Tour for prospective parents
24 th	2.45pm	Class Dove Assembly

Week beg 27 th Nov		Whole School Assessment Week
December		
3 rd	12.00 – 2.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre -tbc
12 th	9.30am & 2.15pm tbc	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play
13 th	9.30am & 1.45pm tbc	KS2 Christmas Play
14 th	12.00pm	Christmas Dinner
20 th	Pm	Christmas Parties
		End of Term

To be arranged/confirmed

- Welcome to Year 1 meeting for parents
- Welcome to Year 2 meeting for parents
- Welcome to Year 3 meeting for parents
- EYFS Reading meeting
- EYFS Stay and Play
- Pre-School Liaison Activity morning